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With regard to measures which Kohler indicated US had under consideration as counters to GDR actions in Berlin, General Horsted comments that, in his view, it would be advisable to give priority to steps which relate directly to GDR action to divide Berlin. He feels that to undertake other steps at this juncture, such as speed-up of NATO military buildup, which pertain to overall problem of Soviet threat against West Berlin, would risk compromising effectiveness of these moves in general context.

General Horsted notes Stikker is returning to Paris August 19 and that number of Europeans are planning attend MAC meeting August 21. Return of Stikker and Ambassadors should help in developing impression of urgency of NATO consideration of Berlin developments.

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